

83<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8799

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 1954

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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## A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the interception of communications by persons other than public officers and employees in the exercise of their official duties.

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2     *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3     That section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
4     U. S. C., sec. 605) is amended by striking out "and no  
5     person not being authorized by the sender" and inserting  
6     in lieu thereof the following: "and no person, other than  
7     an officer or employee of the United States or of the govern-  
8     ment of a State or political subdivision thereof in the exer-  
9     cise of his official duties, shall intercept any communication  
10    unless authorized by the sender; and no person not being

1 authorized by the sender (whether or not he is such an  
2 officer or employee in the exercise of his official duties)".

3 SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this  
4 Act shall apply only with respect to offenses committed on  
5 and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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